



God's Magnet

John 6:44-45

I. Analysis

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'Me' - Jesus

- Acts 4:11-12
- 'What to do with Jesus?'
 1. Slaughter Him. Mt.27:22-23
 2. Shun Him. Mt.27:22, 24
 3. Serve Him. Mt.25

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Ro.3:23

- What if way is not planned? ... or prepared? ... or presented? Mt.3:3
- Jn.14:6, through Christ, we come
 1. Know the way. Jn.14:4-6 (12:48)
 2. Go the way. Jn.6:67-68
 3. Show the way. Jn.14:6

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Jn.5:40, an invitation

- Mt.11:28-30
- NOT 'come' of force or fiat (Gn.1)

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'draw may mean compel: Ac.16:19, jailer didn't woo them. We have no desire for God unless He changes us. HS doesn't drag people against their wills, but He makes them willing.'

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 1. If salvation is entirely of grace, unconditionally produced by direct operation of H.S., it cannot be conditioned on faith or repentance or anything else man does.
 2. Who is to blame for the lost – those who are not made willing?

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 - If this fits Jn.6, *why invite us to come?*

to draw a pers. in the direction of values
for inner life, draw, attract, Jn.6:44 –BDAG

- Jn.12:32, *all men* – universalism?

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 - Only force God uses: truth and love.

Jn.12³² 'Not by force, for the will is incapable of force, but by the divine attractions of his love... Jn.6⁴⁴ can mean no more than the potent allurements, the allecive force of love, the attracting of men by the Father to the Son' – Trench, xxi, p.72-74

I will **raise** him up at the **last day**

Four times in Jn.6^{39, 40, 44, 54}

- When is last day? Resurrection day
- This is the 'end' (1 Co.15:24)

Christ comes—resurrection—judgment
(Jn.12:48)

- No time for 1000 years on earth

It is written... 'And they shall all be taught of God'

Isa.54:13; Jer.31:33-34

- May refer to general teaching of OT – Jn.5:46

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- 1 Th.4:9 – taught of God
 - How? Directly by HS or indirectly by word?
 - 1 Th.2:13; Ac.17:2-4
 - Acts 2:37, 41; 8:12-13; 11:14
 1. Listen. Mt.23:37
 2. Learn. Jn.6:68
 3. Live. Jn.5:40

I. Analysis

II. Application

1. One exclusive way. Jn.6:66-69

- Some are repelled; others, attracted
 - ¹ Words of eternal life . . . Or . . .
 - ² Stone of stumbling, rock of offense,
1 Pt.2:8
- Gospel is the attraction. Ro.1:16

2. Knowledge is power

- It's easy when you know how.
- God revealed gospel to show us the way.
 - Jn.7:17
 - Jn.8:31-32

3. Motivation – not mere fear of hell

- Love of Christ.
- Jn.14:15

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5. God uses us to teach

- 2 Tim.2:2

And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.